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KINSHASA FOR DEPUTY SECRETARY ROBINSON WITH SECRETARY'S PARTY

1. WHEN MEETING WITH PRIMIN MAMDUH SALEM TODAY, I GAVE HIM DEPUTY SECRETARY'S LETTER ON PRIVATE AMERICAN CLAIMS AGREEMENT. THIS WAS THE FIRST CHANCE I HAD TO DO SO. I EXPLAINED TO HIM AT SOME LENGTH WHY WE ATTACH SUCH IMPORTANCE TO GETTING THIS PRIVATE CLAIMS AGREEMENT OUT OF THE WAY AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.

2. PRIMIN SEEMED A LITTLE VAGUE ON DETAILS AND SAID IT IS AGREEABLE TO HIM TO HAVE SUCH PRIVATE AMERICAN CLAIMS SETTLED. HE SAID NOTHING ABOUT HAVING SENT THE AGREEMENT TO STATE COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL, HENCE I ALSO GAVE NO INDICATION THAT WE HAD HEARD HE HAD DONE SO. I EXPRESSED GRATIFICATION AT HIS READINESS TO HAVE THESE PRIVATE CLAIMS SETTLED AND AGAIN POINTED OUT THAT A MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE AGREEMENT HAS ALREADY BEEN WORKED OUT. ALL THAT REMAINS IS INITIALING AND SIGNING.

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3. SALEM SAID WE COULD GO AHEAD AND SIGN THE AGREEMENT AND CLAIMED SHAFEI KNOWS THIS. SINCE SHAFEI HAD SAID NOTHING TO ME ABOUT THIS DURING MY THREE MEETINGS WITH HIM THIS PAST WEEK, I SUGGESTED THAT IT MIGHT BE HELPFUL IF PRIMIN TELEPHONED SHAFEI AND TOLD HIM TO GO AHEAD. PRIMIN TRIED TO DO SO, BUT SHAFEI WAS ALREADY ON HIS WAY TO THE AIRPORT TO ENPLANE FOR RABAT. PRIMIN THEN SAID HE WILL TELL SHAFEI AS SOON AS LATTER RETURN, APRIL 29, TO GET IN TOUCH WITH ME TO FIX A DATE FOR QUOTE SIGNING UNQUOTE.

4. I WILL FOLLOW UP WITH SHAFEI AS SOON AS HE GETS BACK. MEANTIME, IN ORDER TO AVOID POSSIBILITY OF FURTHER EGYPTIAN PROCRASTINATION, PLEASE ADVISE IF WE CAN GO DIRECTLY INTO SIGNING PROCESS RATHER THAN TWO-STEP INITIALING/SIGNING. EILTS
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